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TH O' the additional Questions are not here Printed at length, yet are they so placed and distinguished, as to be made out with the greatest Ease; the Questions standing apart on the Left Hand, as their Answers do, opposite to them on the Right: For Instance,

Q. How do you prove that by Baptism you were made a Member of Christ?

A. 1 Cor. 12. 12, 13. For as the Body is one and hath many Members, &c.

Q. How do you prove that in Baptism you were made a Child of God?

A. Gal. 3. 26, 27. We are all the Children of God by Faith in Christ Jesus, &c.

Of which sort there are in Number 98. which may be sufficient to charge upon the Memory of such as usually come to be Chatechised. Besides, it was thought proper to consult the ease of the Buyer also; there being too many Parishes which have no more Catechisms than what their Minister, or some other Charitable Hand, bestows among them *Gratis.*



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Church Catechism, &c.

Quest. **W**Hat is your Name?

Ans. N. or M.

Q. Who gave you that Name?

A. My Godfather and Godmothers in my Baptism, wherein I was made

1 Cor. 12. 12, 13. For as the Body is one and hath many Members, and all the Members of that one Body, being many, are one Body: So also is Christ; for by one Spirit are we all Baptised into one Body.

Gal 3. 26, 27. We are all the Children of God by Faith in Christ Jesus: For as many of you as have been baptised into Christ, have put on Christ.

Rom. 8. 17. If Children then Heirs, Heirs of God, and joint Heirs with Christ.

Q. What did your Godfathers and Godmothers then for you?

A. They did promise and vow three things in my Name, First, that I should renounce the Devil and all his Works,

1 Job. 3. 8. For this purpose was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the Works of the Devil.

The Pomps and Vanities of this wicked World, { Gal. 1. 4. Who gave himself for our Sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil World.

And all the sinful Lusts of the Flesh. { Gal. 5. 24. They that are Christ's have crucify'd the Flesh with the Affections and Lusts.

Secondly, That I should believe all the Articles of the Christian Faith. { Mark 16. 16. He that believeth and is baptised shall be Saved: But he that believeth not, shall be Damned.

Thirdly, That I should keep God's holy Will and Commandments. { Matt. 28. 20. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.

and walk in the same all the Days of my Life. { Luke 1. 74, 75. That we being delivered out of the hands of our Enemies, might serve him without Fear, in Holiness and Righteousness before him all the days of our Life.

Q. Dost thou not think that thou are bound to believe and to do as they promised for thee?

A. Yes, verily, and by God's help so I will; and I heartily thank our Heavenly Father that he hath called me to this

State of Salvation, { Rom. 1. 16. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the Power of God unto Salvation, to every one that believeth.

thros' Jesus Christ our Saviour. { Acts 4. 12. Neither is there Salvation in any other: For there is no other Name under Heaven given among Men whereby we must be Saved.

And I pray unto God to give me his Grace that I may continue in the same unto my Life's end. { Phil. 1. 6. Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good Work in you, will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Rehearse the Articles of thy Belief.

A. I. I believe in God { Heb. 11. 6. He that cometh to God, must believe that he is.

the Father

{ 2 Cor. 1. 3. Blessed be God even
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Almighty,

{ Matt. 19. 26. With God all
things are possible.

*Maker of Heaven and
Earth.*

{ Exod. 20. 11. In six Days the
Lord made Heaven and Earth.

II. And in Jesus

{ Matt. 1. 21. Thou shalt call his
Name Jesus; for he shall save his
People from their Sins.

Christ.

{ Job. 20. 31. These are written
that ye might believe that Jesus is
the Christ, the Son of God.

His only Son,

{ Job. 3. 18 He that believeth
not, is condemned already, because
he hath not believed in the Name
of the only-begotten Son of God.

Our Lord.

{ Rom. 14. 9. For to this end,
Christ borth died, and rose and re-
vived, that he might be Lord both
of the Dead and Living.

**III. Who was conceived
by the Holy Ghost,**

{ Luke 1. 35. The Holy Ghost
shall come upon thee, and the Pow-
er of the Highest shall overshadow
thee: Therefore also that Holy
thing which shall be born of thee,
shall be called the Son of God.

*Born of the Virgin
Mary.*

{ Matt. 1. 22, 23. Now all this
was done, that it might be fulfill'd
which was spoken of the Lord by
the Prophet, saying, Behold a Vir-
gin shall be with Child, and shall
bring forth a Son.

**IV. He suffered under
Pontius Pilate,**

{ Luke 23. 24. Pilate gave Sen-
tence that it should be as they re-
quired.

was Crucified,

{ V. 33. And when they were come
to the Place which is called Cal-
vary, there they Crucified him.

Dead

{ Mark 15. 37. Jesus cried with a
loud Voice and gave up the Ghost.

and Buried,

Matt. 27. 59, 60. And when Jo-
seph had taken the Body, he wrap-
ped it in a clean Linnen Cloth, and
laid it in his own new Tomb.

Acts 2. 27. Thou wilt not leave
my Soul in Hell, neither wilt thou
suffer thine holy one to see Corrup-
tion.

V. The third day he *rose again from the* *Dead,* *1 Cor. 15. 4.* He rose again
the Thid Day, according to the
Scriptures.

VI. He ascended into *Heaven,* *Acts 1. 9.* While they beheld, He
was taken up, and a Cloud receiv-
ed him out of their Sight.

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; *1 Pet. 3. 22.* Who is gone into
Heaven, and is on the Right-hand
of God, Angels and Authorities
and Powers being made subject un-
to him.

VII. From thence he *shall come to judge the Quick and the Dead.* *2 Tim. 4. 1.* The Lord Jesus
Christ, who shall Judge the Quick
and the Dead at his appearing.

VIII. I believe in the Holy Ghost: *Acts 5. 3, 4.* Peter said, *Ananias,*
why hath Satan filled thine Heart
to lye to the Holy Ghost--Thou hast
not lyed unto Men, but unto God.

Eph. 5. 27. That he might pre-
sent it to himself a glorious Church,
not having Spot or Wrinkle, or any
such thing; but that it should be
Holy and without Blemish.

Rev. 5. 9. Thou wast slain and
hast redeemed us to God by thy
Blood, out of every Kindred and
Tongue, and People and Nation.

The Communion of *Saints.* *Acts 2. 42.* They continued sted-
fastly in the Apostles Doctrine and
Fellowship, and in breaking of
Bread, and in Prayers.

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X. *The Forgiveness of Sins and Remission of Sins should be preached in his Name among all Nations.*

XI. *The Resurrection of the Body.*

Job. 5. 28, 29. The Hour is coming in the which all that are in the Graves shall hear his Voice, and shall come forth: They that have done Good unto the Resurrection of Life, and they that have done Evil, unto the Resurrection of Damnation.

XII. *And the Life Everlasting. Amen.*

Mat. 25. 46. These shall go away into everlasting Punishment, but the Righteous into Life eternal.

Q. What dost thou chiefly learn in these Articles of thy Belief?

A. First, I learn to believe in God the Father, who made me and all the World.

Heb. 1. 2. He made the Worlds.

Secondly, In God the Son, who hath Redeemed me and all Mankind.

1 Tim. 2. 5, 6. There is One God, and One Mediator between God and Man, the Man Christ Jesus, who gave himself a Ransome for all.

Thirdly, In God the Holy Ghost, who Sanctified me and all the Elect People of God.

1 Pet. 1. 2. Elect according to the Fore-knowledge of God the Father, thro' Sanctification of the Spirit.

Q. You said your God-fathers and God-mothers did promise for you that you should keep God's Commandments, tell me how many there be?

A. Ten.

Q. Which be they?

A. The same which God spake in the xxth Chapter of Exodus, saying, I am the Lord thy God which brought thee out of the Land of Egypt, out of the House of Bondage.

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I. Thou

- I. Thou shalt have none other Gods but me.
- II. Thou shalt not make to thy self any Graven Image; nor the likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or in the Earth beneath, or in the Water under the Earth; Thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them, for I, the Lord thy God, am a Jealous God, and visit the Sins of the Fathers upon the Children unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me, and shew Mercy unto thousands in them that love me, and keep my Commandments.
- III. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.
- IV. Remember that thou keep Holy the Sabbath Day; six Days shalt thou Labour and do all that thou hast to do, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: In it thou shalt do no manner of Work, thou and thy Son and thy Daughter, thy Man-servant, and thy Maid-servant, thy Cattle, and the Stranger that is within thy Gates; for in six Days the Lord made Heaven and Earth, the Sea, and all that in them is, and Rested the Seventh Day; wherefore the Lord Blessed the Seventh Day and hallowed it.
- V. Honour thy Father and thy Mother, that thy Days may be long in the Land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
- VI. Thou shalt do no Murder.
- VII. Thou shalt not commit Adultery.
- VIII. Thou shalt not Steal.
- IX. Thou shalt not bear false Witness against thy Neighbour.
- X. Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's House. Thou shalt not covet thy Neighbour's Wife; nor his Servant, nor his Maid, nor his Ox, nor his Ass, nor any thing that is his.
- Q. What dost thou chiefly learn by these Commandments?
- A. I learn two things; My Duty towards God, and my Duty towards my Neighbour.
- Q. What is thy Duty towards God?
- A. My Duty towards God, is,

- To believe in Him :* { 2 Chron. 20. 20. Believe in the Lord your God, so shall you be establish'd.
- To fear Him :* { Eccl. 12. 13. Fear God and keep his Commandments, for this is the whole Duty of Man.
- And to Love Him with all my Heart, with all my Mind, with all my Soul, and with all my Strength:* { Luke 10. 27. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy Heart, and with all thy Soul, and with all thy Strength, and with all thy Mind.
- To Worship Him :* { Matt. 4. 10. Thou shall Worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.
- To give him Thanks :* { 1 Theff. 5. 18. In every thing give Thanks, for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- To put my whole Trust in Him :* { Prov. 3. 5. Trust in the Lord with all thine Heart, and lean not unto thine own Understanding.
- To call upon Him :* { 1 Theff. 5. 17. Pray without Ceasing.
- To Honour his holy Name :* { Lev. 19. 12. Ye shall not swear by my Name falsely, neither shalt thou profane the Name of thy God.
- And his Word :* { Jam. 1. 21, 22. Receive with Meekness the ingrafted Word, which is able to save your Souls: But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only.
- And to serve Him truly all the Days of my Life.* { Heb. 12. 28. Let us have Grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with Reverence and Godly Fear.
- Q. What is thy Duty towards thy Neighbour?
- A. *My Duty towards my Neighbour, is*
- To love him as my self,* { Matt. 22. 39. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self.

And

And to do to all Men as I would they shoulde do unto me: Matt. 7. 12. Whatsoever ye would that Men shoulde do unto you, do ye even so to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

To love, honour and succour my Father and Mother. Matt. 15. 4. God commanded, saying, Honour thy Father and thy Mother.

To honour and obey the Queen, and all that are put in Authority under Her: 1 Pet. 2. 13. 14. Submit your selves to every Ordinance of Man for the Lord's Sake, whether it be to the King as Supreme, or unto Governors as unto them that are sent by him.

To submit my self to all my Governours, Teachers, Spiritual Pastors, Heb. 13. 17. Obey them that have the Rule over you, and submit yourselves, for they watch for your Souls.

To order my self lowly and reverently to all my Betteres, 1 Pet. 2. 18. Servants be subject to your Masters with all Fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

To hurt no Body by Word or Deed: 1 Pet. 5. 5. Likewise ye Younger submit your selves unto the Elder.

To be true and just in all my Dealings: Matt. 5. 44. Love your Enemies, bleſſ them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despightfully ſue you and persecute you.

To bear no Malice or Hatred in my Heart: 1 Theſſ. 4. 6. That no Man go beyond, and defraud his Brother in any Matter, because the Lord is the Avenger of all ſuch.

To keep my Hands from Picking and Stealing: Col. 3. 8. Put off all these, Anger, Wrath, Malice.

Epb. 4. 28. Let him that stole steal no more, but rather let him labour, working with his Hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. And

'And my Tongue from { Tit. 3. 2. To speak Evil of no
evil speaking, } Man.

Lying, { Eph. 4. 25. Putting away Lying,
speak every Man Truth with his
Neighbour, for we are Members
one of another.

and Slanderizing : { James 1. 26. If any Man among
you seem to be religious, and brid-
leth not his Tongue, but deceiveth
his own Heart, this Man's Religion
is vain.

To keep my Body in { selves, least at any time your Hearts
Temperance, Soberness, } be overcharged with Surfeiting and
Drunkennels.

and Chastity : { Matt. 5. 28. Whosoever looketh
upon a Woman to lust after her,
hath committed Adultery with her
already in his Heart.

Not to covet nor desire { Heb. 13. 5. Let your Conversa-
tion be without Coveteousness, and
other Men's Goods : } be content with such things as ye
have.

But to learn and labour { 1 Theff. 4. 11. That ye study to
truly to get mine own be quiet, and to do your own
living, and to do my Duty in that state of Business, and to work with your
Duty in that state of Life unto which it shall own Hands.
please God to call me.

My good Child know this that thou art not able to do
these things of thy self, nor to walk in the Commandments
of God, and to serve

bim without his speci- { 2 Cor. 3. 5. Not that we are
al Grace ; sufficient of our selves to think any
thing as of our selves, but our suffi-
ciency is of God.

which thou must learn { Matt. 7. 7. Ask, and it shall be
at all times to call for given you : Seek, and ye shall find :
by diligent Prayer. Knock, and it shall be opened unto
you.

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Matt. 6. 9. After this manner therefore pray ye.

Our Father which art in Heaven,

1. Hallowed be thy Name.
2. Thy Kingdom come.
3. Thy Will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven.
4. Give us this Day our daily Bread.
5. And forgive us our Trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.
6. And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil.

Amen.

Q. What desirest thou of God in this Prayer ?

A. I desire my Lord

God, our Heavenly Father; who is the giver
of all Goodness:

To send his Grace unto
me, and to all People; that we may worship
him,

serve him,

and obey him as we ought to do.

And I pray unto God, that He will send us all things that be needful both for our Souls and Bodies:

And that he will be merciful unto us, and forgive us our Sins:

And that it will please him to save and defend us in all Dangers Ghostly and Bodily; and that he will keep us from all Sin and Wickedness, and from our Ghostly Enemy, and from everlasting Death;

And

And this I trust he will do of his Mercy and Goodness, thro' our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore I say, Amen. So be it.

Q. How many Sacraments hath Christ Ordained in his Church?

A. Two only as generally necessary to salvation; that is to say Baptism,

1 Pet. 3. 21. The like figure whereunto, even Baptism doth also now save us.

Joh. 6. 53. Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the Flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his Blood, ye have no Life in you.

Q. What meanest thou by this Word Sacrament?

A. I mean an outward and visible Sign of an inward and Spiritual Grace, given unto us; ordained by Christ himself, as a means whereby we receive the same, and a pledge to assure us thereof.

Q. How many Parts be there in a Sacrament?

A. Two, The outward and visible Sign, and the inward and Spiritual Grace.

Q. What is the outward visible Sign or Form in Baptism?

A. Water, wherein the Person is Baptized,

Matt. 28. 19, 20. Go ye therefore, and teach all Nations; Bap-

tizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, Father, and of the Son, and of the and of the Holy Ghost. Holy Ghost.

Q. What is the Inward and Spiritual Grace?

A. A Death unto Sin, and a new Birth unto Righteousness, for being

by Nature born in Sin, Eph. 2. 3. And were by Nature and the Children of the Children of Wrath, even as Wrath,

Tit. 3. 5. Not by Works of Righteousness which we have done, we are hereby made the Children of Grace. but according to his Mercy he sav'd us by the Washing of Regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

Q. What

Q. What is required of Persons to be baptiz'd ?

A. Repentance, where-
by they forsake Sin : Acts 2. 38. Repent and be bap-
tiz'd, every one of you; in the Name
of Jesus Christ, for the Remission of
Sins.

*And Faith whereby they
steadfastly believe the
Promises of God made
to them in that Sacra-
ment.* Acts. 8. 36, 37. See, here is Wa-
ter, what doth hinder me to be bap-
tised? And Philip said, if thou be-
lievest with all thy Heart, thou
mayst.

Q. Why then are Infants baptised, Matt. 19. 14. Suffer little Chil-
dren, and forbid them not to come
unto me, for of such is the Kingdom
of Heaven.

when by reason of their tender Age they cannot perform them?

A. Because they promise them both by their Sureties, which promise when they come to Age themselves are bound to perform.

Q. Why was the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper ordain'd?

A. For the continual Luke 22. 19. This is my Body
which is given for you, This do in
remembrance of me.

Christ, and of the Benefits which we receive thereby.

Q. What is the outward Part or Sign of the Lord's Supper?

A. Bread and Wine, 1 Cor. 11. 23, 24, 25. The Lord
Jesus the same Night in which he
was Betrayed, took Bread, and
when he had given Thanks, he
brake it and said, Take, eat, this is
my Body which is broken for you;
this do in remembrance of me. After
the same manner also he took the
Cup when he had Supped, saying,
This Cup is the New Testament in my
Blood; This do ye as oft as ye drink
it in remembrance of me.

Q. What is the inward part or thing signified?

A. The Body and Matt. 26. 26, 28. This is my
Blood of Christ---which Body---This is my Blood of the
are verily and indeed New Testament.
taken and received by the faithful in the Lord's Supper.

Q. What

Q. What are the Benefits whereof we are partakers thereby?

A. The strengthening and refreshing of our Souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our Bodies are by the Bread and Wine.

1 Cor. 10. 16. The Cup of Blessing which we Bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ? The Bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ.

Q. What is required of them who come to the Lord's Supper?

A. To Examine them whether they repent truly of their former Sins;

1 Cor. 11. 28. Let a Man Examine himself, and so let him eat of that Bread, and drink of that Cup.

Acts 17. 30. God now commands all Men every where to Repent.

stedfastly purposing to lead a new Life.

1 Cor. 5. 8. Let us keep the Feast not with the Old Leaven neither with the Leaven of Malice and Wickedness, but with the unleavened Bread of Sincerity and Truth.

Heb. 10. 21. Having an Highpriest over the House of God, let us draw near with a true Heart, in full assurance of Faith.

with a thankful remembrance of his Death,

1 Cor. 11. 26. As often as ye eat this Bread and drink this Cup, ye do shew the Lord's Death till he come.

and be in Charity with all Men.

1 Job. 4. 11. If God so loved us, we ought to love one another.

Grace before Meat.

Sanctify O blessed God, these thy good Creatures to our Nourishment, and us to thy Service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace

Grace after Meat.

Blessed be God for these and all other his Mercies bestowed upon us thro' Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Morning Prayer.

O Lord our Heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this Day, defend us in the same with thy mighty Power, and grant that this Day we fall into no Sin, neither run into any kind of Danger; but that all our Doings may be ordered by thy Governance, to do always that is Righteous in thy Sight, thro' Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name and Words we further call upon thee. Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; thy Kingdom come; thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven; give us this Day our daily Bread, and forgive us our Trespasses as we forgive them that Trespass against us; and lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil. For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Evening Prayer.

O God, from whom all holy Desires, all good Counsels, and all just Works do proceed; give unto thy Servants that Peace which the World cannot give, that both our Hearts may be set to obey thy Commandments; and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our Enemies, may pass our Time in Rest and Quietness, thro' the Merits of Jesus Christ, our Saviour; in whose Name and Words we further call upon thee, Our Father, which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, &c.

F I N I S.

